

Director, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases

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THE POSITION: The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is seeking exceptional candidates for the position of Director, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK). The incumbent serves as the leader of an organization that conducts and supports biomedical and behavioral research to understand, treat, and prevent some of the most common and severe diseases affecting public health today, and disseminates these research findings and health information to the public. The Director, NIDDK, provides leadership for a national program in three major disease categories: 1) diabetes, endocrinology, and metabolic diseases; 2) digestive diseases and nutrition; and 3) kidney, urologic, and hematological diseases. This position offers a unique opportunity for the right individual to provide strong and visionary leadership for the Institute and to actively promote trans-NIH initiatives in the areas that promote the NIDDK mission, especially in the areas of diabetes and obesity for which the NIDDK is the agency lead.

The NIDDK plans, conducts, fosters, and supports an integrated and coordinated program of research, investigations, clinical trials, and demonstrations relating to the causes, prevention, methods of diagnosis, and treatment of categorical diseases through research performed in its own laboratories and clinics; epidemiologic studies; research contracts and grants; and cooperative agreements with scientific institutions and with individuals. The NIDDK supports the training of manpower in fundamental sciences and clinical disciplines by individual and institutional research training awards; conducts educational activities, including the collection and dissemination of educational materials; coordinates programs with other research institutes and Federal health agencies; and maintains continuing relationships with institutions and professional associations and international, national, state, and local officials concerned with these diseases. The NIDDK has an annual budget of \$1.7 billion and a staff of 650.

In addition to the leadership and managerial/administrative responsibilities described, the position requires the ability to develop and maintain cooperative relationships with different Government and non-Government groups and individuals; the capacity to plan for and guide organizations in the conduct of intramural and extramural activities; and the recognition by scientist, educators and administrators as an authoritative and outstanding scientific administrator.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED: Applicants must possess an M.D., Ph.D., or comparable doctorate degree in the health sciences field plus senior-level scientific experience and outstanding scientific knowledge of research programs in one or more scientific areas related to diabetes, digestive diseases, and kidney diseases. They should be known and respected within their profession, both nationally and internationally, as distinguished individuals of outstanding scientific competence with a distinguished record of research accomplishments. Candidates should have demonstrated expertise in

policy development regarding health science and innovation. Candidates should have demonstrated leadership and broad vision in biomedical and clinical research, involving dealings with outside groups; serving as a spokesperson to many different audiences; planning, program assessment, and analysis of program objectives; resolution of operational problems and issues; and the ability to manage financial and human resources including building, motivating, and maintaining a culturally diverse staff.

SALARY/BENEFITS: The Director, NIDDK, will be appointed at a salary commensurate with his/her qualifications and experience. Full Federal benefits package (including retirement, health, life, long-term care insurance, 401k equivalent savings plan, etc.) is available.

HOW TO APPLY: Applicants must submit a current CV and bibliography to Ms. Kim Westervelt at SeniorRe@od.nih.gov. Candidates selected for interview will be asked to provide a supplemental narrative that provides a vision statement, addresses the required qualifications, and provides the names, titles, and telephone numbers of 4-5 references. Questions on application procedures may be addressed to Ms. Westervelt at westervk@od.nih.gov or discussed with Ms. Westervelt by calling 301-402-4607.

Applications must be received by August 7, 2006

The NIH encourages the application and nomination of qualified women, minorities, and individuals with disabilities.

Selection for this position will be based solely on merit, with no discrimination for non-merit reasons such as race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, political affiliation, marital status, disability, age or membership or non-membership in an employee organization.

Reasonable Accommodation: NIH provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities. If you require reasonable accommodation during any part of the application and hiring process, please notify us. The decision on granting reasonable accommodation will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Standards of Conduct: All employees of the Federal Government are subject to the conflict of interest statutes and regulations, including the Standards of Ethical Conduct, that govern activities with outside organizations and reporting financial holdings. This position will require that the incumbent complete a financial disclosure report. Applicants are encouraged to review the NIH Ethics Program web site at: <http://ethics.od.nih.gov>

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